

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A fixture for holding a gas turbine engine blade having an airfoil extending outward from a shank and a dovetail extending inward from the shank for attaching the blade to a disk of the engine. The dovetail includes at least one pair of protrusions extending fore and aft along opposite sides of the blade. Each of the protrusions including a pressure face generally facing the airfoil of the blade for engaging the disk to retain the blade in the disk during operation of the engine. The fixture includes a support for receiving the dovetail and a clamp mounted adjacent the support for movement between a clamped position in which the clamp engages the dovetail to hold the dovetail against the support and a released position in which the clamp disengages the dovetail to permit removal of the blade from the fixture.